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Special points of interest

- Tribal Council Meetings-
- Now Hires at KRIC
- Aahinooiiiye
- Tribal President signs threeyear Self Governance Contract
- Spirit of the Harvest Powwow
- Local schools host Children's Powwow
- KBIC Youth awarded grant
- **KBIC Beartown Firefighters** quite busy this past summer

A Christmas and New Year Wish

ANIN! We honor the greatness in you. What better time and what better season, what greater occasion and more wonderful reason to remember to take the time to pray and be thankful for our many blessings. We all pray in our own way, and our words are right if they are true and come from our hearts. Our precious earth also prays. The trees that are reaching to heaven, the rocks and hills that are still and silent, our lakes and rivers that flow to the ocean, and our animals that have their own voices. Pray not to change the world but to change ourselves because when we change, the earth is changed. In the new year, take the time to listen to the earth's prayers... I thank God for the year that now ends and for the great blessings of loved ones and friends.

I thank all of you and the Tribal Council for the support you have given to me this past year. It has been a very challenging and busy year to say the least. I have enjoyed meeting and working with all of you. The Tribal Council and I thank our Enterprise and Government employees for their many accomplishments. Our Tribe has a great deal to be proud of, and we have many gifted, talented, loving, hard working employees, friends, and volunteers. Our Reservation is a special place to live and work. Let us remember the sacrifices of our ancestors and all that they have taught us so our gifts may be shared and preserved for the future. May you find the joy and peace that awaits you this Christmas season and may the New Year bring you good health and happiness. May God bless and keep you until we meet again.

The Seven Gifts of the Grandfathers:

- To cherish knowledge is to know *wisdom*.
- To know *love* is to know peace.
- To honor all of the Creation is to have respect.
- **Bravery/Courage** is to face the foe with integrity.
- *Honesty* in facing a situation is to be brave.
- Humility is to know yourself as a sacred part of the Creation.
- Truth is to know all of these things.
- excerpt from the Mishomis Book by Edward Benton-Banai

Susan J. LaFernier, President/CEO 2006

NOVEMBER 4, 2006 — TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

The regularly scheduled Saturday Tribal Council meeting was held on November 4, 2006. Susan LaFernier presided over the meeting with Warren C. Swartz Jr., Larry J. Denomie III, Doreen Blaker, Toni Minton, Fred Dakota, William E. Emery, Michael LaFernier Sr., Elizabeth (Chiz) Matthews, Elizabeth D. Mayo, and Shawanung present. Invocation—An opening prayer in Ojibwa by Shawanung and the Lord's Prayer were cited. The Council reviewed numerous Thank You documents received from the community.

In the President's Report, Susan LaFernier began by reminding everyone to vote on Tuesday, November 7th. Employees who are registered to vote will receive an hour off to vote with the approval of their supervisors. She spoke of the five proposals that will appear on the general election ballot. One very important proposal is the Michigan Civil Rights Constitution. President LaFernier thanked the Education Committee for their work on the "No on 2" campaign. On October 5, 2006, Senator Debbie Stabenow's U.P office called to congratulate Keweenaw Bay on receiving the ANA Language Grant. On October 6, 2006, President LaFernier, Chuck Brumleve, and John Baker attended a planning meeting on mining held at the beautiful Huron Mountain Club. On October 17, 2006, President LaFernier and Chuck Brumleve visited with Joshua Warren, who is running for the U.S. Congress, First Congressional District for the Constitution/Taxpayers Party in the upcoming election. On October 18, 2006, approximately 35 employees participated in a fitness walk held in the KBOCC parking lot in a celebration of Native American Health & Fitness Day. Thank you to our KBIC/DHHS, STEPS and our KBIC Diabetes Program. They are always there to help us take better care of ourselves. Thank you to the many seniors, Larry Denomie, and others who planned and arranged for a wonderful Harvest Feast held on October 22, 2006. As of October 27, 2006, the DEQ was able to resume (after a 42-day waiting period following the Court of Appeals decision that removed the Ingham County Circuit Court Judges Injunction) the process of reviewing the mine period application submitted by the Kennecott Eagle Minerals Company and should have issued a proposed decision on the application, so a hearing date could be set. They will now probably make a preliminary decision on the future of the application within 18 days. The department's director will make the preliminary and final decisions on the application as was stated by the DEQ's Deputy Director Skip Pruss. Kennecott has provided answers and information on the 91 permit questions that the DEQ had requested. Of course, we are still confident that the decision to grant a permit will be denied. We have now filed our "Brief in Opposition" response after the State of Michigan filed a petition for Certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court on our Property Tax Case. Mr. Baker indicated that the legal department has been notified that we should hear if the Supreme Court will hear our case or not by November 27, 2006. The yearly budget process is now over, and the budgets were approved on October 12, 2006. Thank you to Hosh, Dawn, Sarah, Gerald, our accounting departments, our department heads, Council, and everyone who helped with the budgets. This is always a great deal of work each year and a relief when the budgets are finished. We will be meeting next week to hopefully finalize the plans/options for a Pre-school program. There has been much work involved with beginning this program, and we appreciate you patience. The Council is pleased to announce that on October 13, 2006, the Baraga Casino's new General Manager is John Mantila and the Marquette Casino's new General Manager is David Haataja. They both bring years of experience and knowledge to us in the Casino field as they have been Managers for each Casino for many years. Please wish them well and give them your support in their new positions. Congratulations to our Casinos who are celebrating their anniversaries during November. The Baraga Casino is celebrating 21 years and the Marquette Casino is celebrating 12 years. Please stop in and enjoy the festivities on November 14-18. Thank you to Gerald Hays for his 17 years of devotion and all of the hard work he has given to our Tribe. He will be missed in our Accounting Department as accountant, comptroller and chief financial officer, as an instructor at the Ojibwa Community College and as the General Manager of the Casino Enterprises. Also a fond farewell to Jeff Kitchens and his family (our BIA forester) who will be moving out west. His last day will be November 17, 2006. We have enjoyed working with Jeff and will miss him.

Larry Denomie III, gave a Secretarial Report for the period of August/September/October 2006. Special meeting held 08/10/06—approved meeting minutes for 04/28/05, 04/29/05 and 07/08/06; approved Resolution KB1495-2006 Aura Road Co-op Project and Resolution KB1496-2006 Bay Shore Road Co-op Project; authorized paying eight tribal members \$615 for their easement on Old U.S. 41 Water Main Project; approved the Sand Point Cleanup construction contract and ad-

dendum KBIC-1; approved \$250 to assist the Genschow family for travel to Fort Leonard Wood; offered the position of Youth Facility Coordinator to Carole La-Pointe at the mid-range wage; approved Resolution KB1497-2006 Law Enforcement Contract; approved new gaming licenses, probationary license and vendor licenses; and offered the Chief of Police position to Dale Dakota. Special meeting held 08/15/06—Approved meeting minutes of 07/13/06; approved \$387 for the Baraga High School Cheerleading uniforms; approved Raffle Licenses KB07-06 through KB11-06 for the Whitetails Association; approved Resolution KB1485-2006 for the BIA Home Improvement Program; tabled a request for a retreat for department heads; approved Michael Duschene as the voting delegate on the Michigan Indian Elders Association fulfilling the term of Loretta Hugo; approved Resolution KB1498-2006 for the Timber Stand Improvement Project on the Louisa Miller Allotment; donated \$1000 to the Back to School Backpack program; tabled a request for Tom Dowd sponsorship to see if the Casino could sponsor. Special meeting on 08/17/06—Approved meeting minutes of 05/04/05; approved an additional \$8752 to Drift Roofing for the Tribal Court renovations; approved professional services agreement with Willis Forestry Consultants; approved the IHS Buy Back agreement for \$12,247; approved an agreement with the Baraga County Road commission for \$73,355; authorized the President to sign a letter opposing the Jonker nomination as District Judge; approved Hitch Engineering for the agreement between the owner and Architect for \$32,000 and \$5,800; and rescheduled the regular September meeting to September 16, 2006. Special meeting on 08/24/06—Approved an amendment to Jeff Lamson tobacco license; approved Brad Dakota's tobacco license renewal; authorized the Enrollment office to provide telephone numbers of Tribal members to the Behavioral Risk Factors and Surveillance Survey System; approved raffle license KB12-06 for the Baraga Fire Department; tabled a request to add automatic shufflers to Baraga Casino's blackjack tables until more information is available of how the Marquette Casino's are performing; referred a donation request from NMU's NASA group to the Marguette Casino; donate \$500 to the all native coed softball tournament in Black River Falls, WI; offered the Gaming Commissioner vacancy to Dale Shalifoe; accepted Jennifer Misegan's letter to not accept the Gaming Commissioner appointment; approved transferring 25% of funds from the IRR Roads to the IRR Maintenance program; approved Resolution KB1500-2006 residential lease for Joe Dowd; approved an inhouse promotion for Denise Cadeau from regular part-time Unit Manager to fulltime Unit Manager; approved the KBIC Summer Youth Program policy handbook with changes; offered the Summer Youth position to Jodene Rasanen for 2007; approved a contract with Atronic Games of America and the removal and installation of four slot machines each for Baraga and six each for Marquette; approved removal of sixteen Williams Participation games to be replaced with Williams Wide Area progressive games with eight in Baraga and eight in Marquette to be removed and both properties receiving twelve; accepted the resignation and removal of termination regarding case #008-06. The second and third reading of the Gaming Regulatory Ordinance took place with approval of amending and restating Ordinance 2006-1, Title 18 Chapter B and provide for the complete substitute. Special Finance Meeting held 09/06/06—Rescheduled the regular September meeting from the 16th to the 23rd; worked on FY07 Budget Reviews. Special Finance Meeting held 09/07/06—Tabled a land exchange request from the Village of Baraga; amended Resolution KB1491-2006 correcting the address for Don Carlson; approved Resolution KB1499-2006 for the Beartown Residential Development site; amended the extra-curricular activities fund for the youth to include school clothes; adopted changes to the Tribes Written Internal Control Standards and again spent much of the meeting reviewing FY07 budgets. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/08/06—Reviewed budgets FY07; authorized paying the bills for Tribal Construction in the amount of \$11,345.50 for work they performed in moving the maintenance garage; authorized the President to sign an equipment lease agreement with Reinhart Food Services for a dish washer in the restaurant; approved a services agreement with STS in the amount of \$3500 for the Environmental Assessment at the proposed Casino in Negaunee; approved new gaming licenses, transferred a license and approved vendor license renewals; approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with the American Indian Economic Development Fund; approved the Professional Services Agreement with 1st step; approved the Shuffle Master license and lease agreement for the Baraga Casino; and denied gaming license #K0086. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/13/06— Budget reviews FY07 continued. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/14/06—

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Approved the Memorandum of Agreement between IHS, US EPA and the KBIC for ment for final payment on their fire truck in the amount of \$50,000; and \$5000 to Pequaming Sewer Extension for four additional homes—project BE-06-F26; continued FY07 Budget Reviews. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/15/06—Approved \$1110 for the women's gathering to Mackinaw Island on September 21-24, 2006; approved Resolution KB1502-2006 IHS multi year funding agreement for October 2006 through September 2009; authorized Tribal President to write a letter stating we have no funds available for imminent threat; FY07 budget reviews continued. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/21/06—Approved MOA BE-04-C81 amendment #4 dated August 29, 2006, between IHS and KBIC; approved a change order for the Old US41 Water Main Extension adding a tee connect; approved the TSI selection as recommended by the Natural Resources Committee; approved the High Scope growing readers early literacy curriculum consultant letter of agreement for \$3035; approved an MOA between IHS and KBIC for the New Day Well; approved a new business license for Larry Denomie for car wash and Laundromat; approved a tobacco and liquor license renewal for Larry Denomie; approved a renewal for a retail business license for Larry Denomie for BayShore BP; approved a computer system upgrade from Automated Election Services for the TEAMS.NET system; and continued work on FY07 budget reviews. Special Finance Meeting held on 09/22/06—Continued work on FY07 budget reviews; approved gaming licenses, a probationary license and vendor license; donated two vans from the Marquette Casino to the American Legion Post 444; approved renewal of the Newsletter Editor contract for Lauri Denomie. Special Meeting held on 10/12/06—Approved Resolution KB1494-2006 Beartown Housing Development Right of Way, Resolution KB1503-2006 CNB Acquisition, Resolution KB1507-2006 Old US41 Water Easement, Resolution KB1508-2006 Shane Pittsley Recreation Land Lease; approved purchasing a 2007 Polaris Ranger with Accessories from Tom's Service Center in the amount of \$9655.06 to be paid with insurance claim funds; approved FY07 Budgets with changes and authorized a three-percent pay increase for all employees; approved the Construction Contract with North Star Builders for the New Day Project; terminated Gerald Hays as the Tribe's General Manager and replaced him with David Haataja as GM for the Marquette Casino and John Mantila for the GM for the Baraga Casino; and increased the minimum wage to \$6.95 per hour retro to October 1, 2006. Special Meeting held 10/19/06—Approved meeting minutes for 05/19/05; approved Christmas/New Year's holidays for the government employees as December 26, 2006, and January 2, 2007; approved an amendment to Jeff Lamson's tobacco license; approved the donation requests for October (see Treasurer's report); approved a modification to Anni Gregor's contract; approved a liquor license for Jeff Lamson and Beth Waara; approved a special deer tag request for the Harvest Feast; approved the recommendation to have Sarah Smith serve on the Joint Wastewater Authority Board. The second and third reading of the Proposed Amendment to the Election Ordinance was held at 6:00 p.m. on this date. The Amendment was approved at this time. Larry Denomie requested and was approved to post the Secretary's Report on line at www.ojibwa.com.

Toni Minton reported in the Treasurer's Report that the Council approved the final budgets for FY07 on October 12, 2006, and she thanked the committee for their hard work during this difficult process. As she announced at the regular scheduled meeting on October 7, 2006, which was held in Marquette, the Council announced they would be processing Council donations in a new manner. We would like to continue to receive donation requests by personal presentation or letter. No immediate decision would be made unless an emergency exists. Once a month, the Council will meet after receiving monthly financial reports and will decide on which requests to donate to. At the next regularly scheduled Saturday meeting, the Council will report which requests were funded. The Council is asking for the cooperation of the community members in planning ahead whenever possible when requesting a donation. Due to the urgency involved, the Council did approve a donation for \$1000 for the Keweenaw Bay Education Committee at the October 7, 2006, meeting. These funds are to be used to provide information/advertising on Proposal 2, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative placed on the November 7th, election ballot. If this proposal were to pass, it would eliminate opportunities for women and minorities in education, jobs and con- tribal lands, north of Eagle Rock. He tracts. It may also mean the end of the Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver. Our first donation meeting was held on October 19, 2006. The Council approved the following donations: Special Olympics in the amount of \$2500; Keweenaw Bay Hockey Association towards their Zamboni fundraising in the amount of \$2,000; L'Anse Area Schools Booster Club up to \$700; Bart Stupak Campaign in the amount of \$1000; Frank Pallone Campaign in the amount of \$1000; and the Andy Levin Campaign in the amount of \$1000. In addition, the following donations were approved last year that will be coming out of the fiscal year 2007 budget: L'Anse Fire Depart-

the Keweenaw Land Trust. September 30, 2006, was the deadline for the twopercent money requests. President LaFernier and Treasurer Toni Minton will be reviewing the requests and presenting them to Council. These payments must be processed by November 30, 2006.

Council reviewed and approved meeting minutes for 05/19/05, 09/06/06, 09/07/06, 09/08/06, 09/13/06, 09/14/06, 09/15/06, 09/21/06, and 09/22/06.

Terry Kakhonen sought help with attaining the remaining funds needed for purchasing two good used Zambonis for the L'Anse and the Baraga ice rinks. The fund raising group has raised approximately \$48,000, which includes the Council's most recent donation. President LaFernier will contact Roy Kemppainen, L'Anse Village Manager, on a possible request for two-percent funding in the next funding period (March 2007).

Michael Duschene requested permission to publish a Gaming Commission Brochure. The Commission has requested bids for designing the brochure/booklet from two tribal members. Discussion did occur with the consensus that the Council would like more work put into the draft, a more detailed and accurate history, etc... Mr. Duschene will discuss the Council's requests at the next Gaming Commissioner's meeting.

Laurie Maki of the Omega House sought from Council a renewal for a pledge of \$25,000 over a three-year period. This request will be placed on the donation list for the next Council's donation meeting.

Donald Carlson and Glen Bressette Jr. addressed the Council for permission to build a teaching lodge on KBIC land north of Eagle Rock. Mr. Bressette spoke in length of his desire to build this lodge, in a traditional respectful way, with the assistance of anyone who wished to help in his endeavor. The only thing he was requesting at this time was permission to build the lodge on our land. Motion by Toni Minton to table until he meets with the Cultural Committee at their next meeting, supported by Larry Denomie, three support (Swartz, Minton, Denomie), seven opposed (Blaker, Dakota, Emery, M. LaFernier, Matthews, Mayo, Shawanung), 0 abstaining, motion defeated. Motion by Fred Dakota to grant permission to Bressette to construct a lodge on our property and for it to be double checked by realty to make sure it is on the right property, supported by William E. Emery, nine support, one opposed (Minton), 0 abstaining, motion carried.

President LaFernier presented three bids on painting the old school bus. Motion by Larry Denomie to approve Don's Body Shop (Don Lantz) to paint the old school bus, supported by Warren Swartz, eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.

Motion by Doreen Blaker to purchase turkeys and hams from Larry's Market, supported by Larry Denomie, eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.

President LaFernier brought forward a request — The Health Board recognizes the dangers of smoking and second hand smoking, and makes the motion and supports that the KBIC Christmas Party be smoke-free. Christmas Party is to be held December 2, 2006. Motion by Larry Denomie for the Government Christmas Party to be smoke-free, supported by Chiz Matthews, eleven support, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining, motion carried.

More discussion on the Employee Christmas Party occurred. Toys for Tots encourages that employees bring a toy for a child to their Christmas Party. There will be a staff member there to accept them. It was also discussed that our Tribal Social Services will be accepting gifts for needy children of our KB community. Motion by Larry Denomie for two drink tickets to be giving to each employee and to their guest at the Government Christmas Party, supported by Chiz Matthews, ten support, one opposed (Matthews), 0 abstaining, motion carried.

Council went into closed session with Doreen Blaker/Doris Roberts. John Baker, Susan LaFernier, and Doreen Blaker (employee request) on the agenda.

Glen Bressette Jr. will be constructing a fire lodge for the winter on our would like to work with all native and non-native individuals who have concerns of preserving our earth. If anyone is interested in helping Glen.



through physical contributions or donations such as basic survival tools. please contact him at 906-361-6501 or Michelle Large at 906-395-0301.

BART STUPAK DINES WITH OJIBWA SENIORS



Congressman Bart Stupak and two members of his staff visited with the Ojibwa Senior Citizens on Tuesday, October 31, 2006, over lunch. The group spoke to Mr. Stupak on various views including gaming regulations and other topics of concern. group presented Mr. Stupak with a packet of resolutions for his atten-

Bart Stupak is

currently running for hopefully his eighth consecutive term in Michigan's Congressional District One, which consists of the complete Upper Peninsula of Michigan as well as the Northern Part of the Lower Peninsula.

Update—Bart Stupak was re-elected on November 7th.

Seafood HACCP Training: Michigan

Training course(s) approved by the Association of Food and Drug Officials:

December 19-21 Basic HACCP Course in Brimley, MI December 21 HACCP Segment 2 Course in Brimley, MI

HACCP Segment One internet training information is at: http://seafood.ucdavis.edu/haccp/training/cornell.htm

A listing of current HACCP courses is at: http://seafood.ucdavis.edu/haccp/training/masterca.htm



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The Great Lakes Indian Fish & Wildlife Commission will cover the Registration Fee and Hotel Room. Travel and meal expenses will be the responsibility of the individual taking the course. For more information contact Jim Thannum at: jthannum@glifwc.org

GLIFWC phone: (715) 682-6619

Library News.....

Winter hours are: Monday 2-7, Tuesday 11-4, Wednesday 2-7, Thursday 10-3, and CLOSED on Friday.



Remember to return your books. There is a book drop bin @ the entrance to the college. Beginning December 4, the Native American movies will be available for check out. Please remember to return them promptly, so other patrons can check them out.

~ Mary Bergerson, Library Director

NATIONAL AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH, NOVEMBER 2006 BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

During National American Indian Heritage Month, we honor the generations of American Indians and Alaska Natives who have added to the character of our Nation. This month is an opportunity to celebrate their many accomplishments and their rich ancestry and traditions.

America is blessed by the character and strength of American Indians and Alaska Natives, and our citizens are grateful for the countless ways Native Americans have enriched our country and lifted the spirit of our Nation. We are especially grateful for the Native Americans who have served and continue to serve in our Nation's military. These brave individuals have risked their lives to protect our citizens, defend our democracy, and spread the blessings of liberty to people around the world.

My Administration is working to ensure that American Indians and Alaska Natives have access to all the opportunities of this great land. My fiscal year 2007 budget proposes more than \$12.7 billion for government programs for Native Americans. Education is vital to ensuring all citizens reach their full potential, and my budget includes funding to help Native-American schools succeed and meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act. The Bureau of Indian Affairs is providing education for approximately 46,000 American-Indian and Alaska-Native children. To help keep Native Americans safe, I have also proposed to increase law enforcement personnel and improve law enforcement facilities in American-Indian communities. My Administration will continue to work on a government-to-government basis with tribal governments, honor the principles of tribal sovereignty and the right to self-determination, and help ensure America remains a land of promise for American Indians, Alaska Natives, and all our citizens.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2006, as National American Indian Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-first.

GEORGE W. BUSH

KBIC FLAG IN SOUTH DAKOTA

KBIC Tribal member, Emily Evans was traveling home to Albuquerque, New Mexico, after her wedding last month, which was held in Baraga. She and her husband, Aaron, stopped at the Crazy Horse Memorial just outside of Keystone, South Dakota. Emily wrote, "Was I ever surprised to see our flag there! I've never seen it anywhere outside of Michigan. It really made my day seeing our flag on display there."



Miigwetch for the picture, Emily. Emily saw our flag on display because the growing Crazy Horse Memorial Flag Collection illustrates Tribal individuality and diversity. Colorful flags in this collection have been donated by tribes or tribal members. Receiving a flag is one of the highest honors bestowed by Native Americans. President LaFernier stated KBIC donated the flag a few years back. These beautiful flags are on display in the Indian Museum of North America at Crazy Horse as a means of increasing public awareness of the wide diversity and individuality of Native American heritage, culture and tribes. However, the collection is not complete, and the museum welcomes donations from tribes that are not yet represented. For more information check out www.crazyhorse.org.



NEW HIRES!



Receptionist—

Definitely a cheery face greets visitors at the KBIC Tribal Center. Juliet K. Ellenich was recently hired as the Receptionist for the Tribal Center. Juliet, a KBIC member, resides in Baraga with her husband, Joe, two daughters, Justine and Corey, and step-sons Kyle and Kevin. Juliet states, "In my spare time, I enjoy watching my daughter's basketball games and my step-son Kevin's football games. I enjoy hunting, fishing,

photography, scrap booking and bowling on Friday Night Women's League for the Ojibwa College's team.

Juliet is the daughter of the late Jean B. Loonsfoot-Aho (John W. Aho of Chassell) and Donald L. Koski (Nancy) whom resides in Zeba. Juliet adds, "I have siblings all over the U.P. as well as nieces and nephews. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, and I enjoy working for the tribe."

Hotel Manager—

Meet Maria Zielinski who was recently hired by KBIC as their Hotel Manager. Maria oversees both the Ojibwa Motel and Four Seasons Inn. Maria began her employment with KBIC on October 18th. Maria has an Associate's Degree in Business, and has six years experience in hotel management and fourteen years of banking experience which includes Branch Manager.

Maria states, "I was born downstate in Belleville and moved to Da U.P. in 1998. I'm single with two dogs and two cats, no children. I will be moving to Pelkie in the very near future. I enjoy snowshoeing, reading and participating in church activities."



Natural Resources Technician—

Boozhoo, my name is Jerry Jondreau. I am a KBIC member, and I recently moved here from Amarillo, Tx. I moved up here to go back to school and get a degree in Forestry at Michigan Tech. I am very excited to be working for the tribe. I am the son of Robert and Lynda Jondreau. I

have two sisters and one brother. I enjoy sports and playing the guitar in my spare time. I look forward to making a positive impact on our tribe and meeting people of the community.

TRIBAL PRESIDENT SIGNS THREE-YEAR SELF GOVERNANCE CONTRACT



President LaFernier signs Self-Governance Contract on behalf of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. Pictured above, (left to right) (front row) Cherie Dakota, Administrative Assistant of Dept. of Health & Human Services; Ruth Bussey, Health Director, Tribal President Susan J. LaFernier, Lauri Denomie, Health Board Secretary; (back row) Wayne Swartz, Health Board Chairman; Allen Gauthier, Health Board Vice Chairman; Dr. Oh, KBIC Medical Physician; Kerry Picciano, Health Board Member; and Carl Rasanen, Health Board Member.

An Multi-Year Funding Agreement between the United States of America and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community was signed by Tribal President, Susan J. LaFernier, on behalf of the KBIC Tribal Council.

The KBIC Tribal Council has entered into a multi-year funding agreement to provide medical services to eligible persons as defined under applicable law. This Funding Agreement is entered into by and between the Director of the Indian Health Service for the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services of the United States of America and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community (Tribe) pursuant to the authority in Title V of the Indian Self-Determination Act, Public Law 93-638, as amended, and is incorporated into and governed by the Compact of Self-Governance (Compact) entered into between the Secretary and the Tribe on October 1, 2001, as amended and other applicable law.

Funding provided under this agreement is based on the Tribe's active user population as defined by the Indian Health Services. These Services are provided directly or by contract and include comprehensive patient care, contract care services, dental, community health, maternal and child health, behavioral health, health education, and special programs to ensure continuum of care including audiology, nutrition, optical, and cancer screening. During the contract term, we will research the availability of traditional healing services as an added component. This agreement is in effect from October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2009.

The KBIC Anishinaabe Language Revitalization and Preservation Plan Community Meeting (Gathering) will be held on December 7, 2006, in the Ojibwa Casino Chippewa Rooms at 6 p.m.

This will be a Pot Luck feast (bring your favorite dish). It is an introduction of the Language Assessment Staff and Advisors, as well as to introduce the assessment plan, goals and objectives. The KBIC Tribal Historic Preservation Office would like to invite community members and requests their support and assistance in making this project successful. For more information, please call the Tribal Historic Preservation Office at 353-6272, or email scohen@kbic-nsn.gov.

SPIRIT OF THE HARVEST POWWOW—MTU'S 11th ANNUAL

MTU AISES held their annual powwow on Saturday, October 28, 2006. Once again the event was a success, with many participants attending. Host Drum, Little Otter; and invited drums, Four Thunders, Ditibasin, RedBird, and Loon Travelers provided the beautiful songs for the 62 registered dancers. Charlotte Sero, Head Female Dancer; John Gokee, Head Male Dancer; Shauna Mae Loonsfoot Pelto (Miss Keweenaw Bay), Head Female Youth Dancer; LeRoy Gauthier Jr., Head Male Youth Dancer; Daebwae Chosa, Head Tinytot Female Dancer; and John Messer III, Head Tinytot Male Dancer all did a fantastic job. Dallin Maybee, a world known, very talented Hoop Dancer, gave two performances throughout the day. A special exhibition—Pink Shawl Dance was lead by Punkin Shananaquet. The purpose of the Pink Shawl Dance is to create awareness of breast cancer.

The day consisted of two grand entries, 1:00 p.m. and an evening session at 7:00 p.m. Donald Chosa Jr., Head Veteran Dancer led the Keweenaw Bay Color Guard in the procession with the posting of the colors. Richard Awonohopay, Emcee, and Stanley Spruce, Arena Director, did an awesome job and kept everything running on time. MTU AISES provided a delicious feast for the participants.



Tiny-Tot Dancers—John Messer III and Daebwae Chosa.



Donald Chosa Jr, Head Veteran Dancer and KBIC Color Guard in the afternoon grand entry.



Head Youth Dancers — Shauna Mae Loonsfoot Pelto and LeRoy Gauthier. Shauna is Miss Keweenaw Bay 2006 (right).



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KEWEENAW BAY INDIAN COMMUNITY

The Annual Tribal Elections will be held on SATURDAY, December 16, 2006.

Baraga District voters will go to the Polls at the Ojibwa Senior Citizens Center. Polls for the L'Anse District will be held at the Zeba Methodist Church. The Polls will be open from 12:00 noon until 6:00 p.m.

ONLY REGISTERED VOTERS WILL BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE, (As per Election Ordinance)

Mark your calendar for these 2007 events!

January 27th

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

3rd Winter Traditional Powwow

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July 27, 28, 29th

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community

29th Annual Maawanjii'iding

Don't miss out!

Check out the KBIC Website for updates at http://www.ojibwa.com/





3 Reasons To Get Your Flu Shot

- 1. Prevents flu related death
- 2. Prevents severe illness
- 3. Protects the people around you

Call 353-8700 to schedule an appointment for your flu shot today!

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TRIBAL YOUTH OF MARQUETTE CELEBRATE 'TRICK OR TREAT'



Thirty-three youth attended the Marquette Halloween Party on Sunday, October 29, 2006, for food, fun and games! The children dressed up as Oprah Winfrey, witches, Little Mermaid, old lady, lion, cat, Spiderman, an angel, and many other wonderful costumes. The youngest child in costume was oneweek-old Aden, son of Kurt Hamalainen.

Costume winners (pictured to the left) 1st place— Josiah Carlisle, 2nd place—Savannah Seymour, and 3rd place—Mackenzie Miller.



FAMILY FUN— PUMPKIN DECORATING



Families with children under the age of ten gathered at a Pumpkin decorating activity night on Wednesday, October 25, 2006, held a t the Ojibwa Senior Citizens

Center. Facilitated by the Department of Health & Human Services staff, fifty children registered for a free pumpkin. Refreshments were also provided. The purpose of the activity is to promote parent/child social interaction and was sponsored by Healthy Start, KBIC CIC Committee, and Women's Health Circle Project.



HALLOWEEN @ THE INDOOR PLAY CENTER

The children who attend the day care program, along with their parents, enjoyed their Halloween party on October 27. They played games, had their faces painted and of course, thoroughly enjoyed the treats. KBIC Even Start is partnered with the Center. The collaboration provides quality child care and education services while their parents are in adult education.





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Meet Amya Morseau, born 10/16/2006, to Crystal Shawa and George Morseau. Amya weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz. and was 19 ½ inches in length at birth.



Meet Edward Bradley Charron, born 08/27/2006, to Tony and Nicole Charron of PawPaw, Michigan. Edward weighed 6 lbs. 6 oz. and was 19 ¼ inches in length at birth. Diane Charron of Zeba is the proud grandma.



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LOCAL SCHOOLS HOST CHILDREN'S POWWOW



ate awareness within the community, the Bilingual Program held a miniature powwow in both local Baraga Elementary schools. School hosted their Children's Powwow on Wednesday, November 1, 2006. C.J. Sullivan Elementary School in L'Anse, hosted their Children's Powwow on Thursday, November 9, 2006. Students in grades K-6 learned about the many different styles of the Native American dance. Students were joined by older brothers, sisters, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and teachers for an hour filled of cultural dance. It appeared that the two-step was definitely a hit with this young crowd. Songs were provided by Woodland Drum; Emcee was Stanley Spruce; and members of the KBIC Color Guard lead the procession. Both events were organized by Candice Kemppainen, Bilingual Teacher in both



schools.

L'Anse Area <mark>Schools</mark>

NATIVE AMERICAN FITNESS DAY

The KBIC/DHHS, STEPS, and the KBIC Diabetes Program sponsored an employee fitness walk at the KBOCC parking lot on October 18, 2006. Thirty-five employees participated! The event was held in conjunction with the Fourth Annual National Native American Health & Fitness Day. All employees were welcome to join in. To pump the group up, Eagle Radio provided music. After the walk, employees had a chance to warm up with a soup & sandwich luncheon. Participants were encouraged to wear their craziest hat. Winners of that contest were: 1st place—Diane Waara, 2nd place—Bob Zasadnyj, and 3rd place—Donna Sackett.



KBIC Youth Club awarded Mini-Grant

The KBIC Youth Club has been awarded a \$1,000 mini-grant from the Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP). The grant will be used to implement the "1st Annual KBIC Youth Winter Basketball Clinic," slated for January 2007. "Along with honing up on their basketball skills, we will be using older tribal youth (in college and the working environment of the community) as clinic "coaches" for the weekend," states Carole LaPointe, KBIC Youth Director. "They will present on various healthy living styles and good nutrition practices to use in the



prevention of diabetes." A pre- and post evaluation will be distributed for all participants to fill out to assess diabetes knowledge gained during this event. Evaluation materials gathered will be put in a report and submitted to AAIP and the KBIC Tribal Council for future programming needs.

Our Tribal Health Department will be providing diabetes testing strips, and staff for mini-health screenings that will take place. Watch for upcoming brochures to register for the winter weekend clinic! The Keweenaw Bay Youth Club, is one of eight other grantees, which were awarded nationally. November is National Diabetes Awareness month. More information about the Association of American Indian Physicians can be found on their website at: www.aaip.org



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Community & Youth Calendar - DECEMBER 2006 Prevention Month

National Drunk & Drugged Driving Prevention Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Events listed on listed throughout ter FYI.					I	2
3	4	5	6	7 6pm, language meeting & potluck	8	9 Christmas Party for kids and teens, see ad for details
10	П	12	13	14	15	I 6 Vote in the Tribal Elections!
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Merry Christ- mas. Tribal Gov't. offices closed.	26 Tribal Gov't. offices closed.	27	28	29	30
3 CELEBRATE SAFELY, designate a driver!!!	January 1—Happy New Year! Tribal Gov't. offices closed.	January 2—Tribal Gov't. offices closed.		mı	ents occurring throug inity are welcomed the endar. email newslet	o be listed on this

Candidates approved by Tribal Council at the Nov. 17th, meeting are:

Chief Judge:

Council seats—

Bradley T. Dakota, Incumbent Rose Edwards

Frederick Dakota, Incumbent Warren (Chris) Swartz, Incumbent Jerry Lee Curtis Jerry Magnant Shawanung (Joe Dowd), Incumbent Susan J. LaFernier, Incumbent Jennifer Misegan



DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Jean Miller

(October 15, 1942—November 14, 2006)

Jean Miller, age 64, of Dearborn, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, at the Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

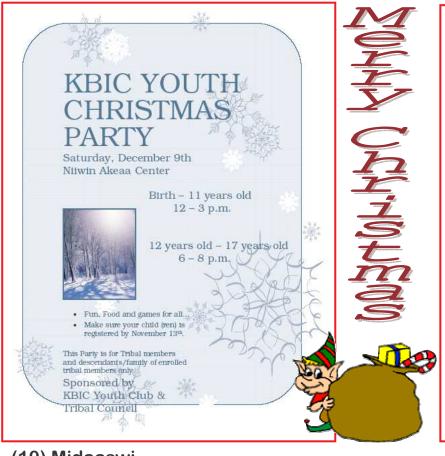
She was born October 15, 1942, in Detroit, daughter of Theodore and Bernadette (Madosh) Moilanen. Jean worked for the Veterans Administration in Detroit as a secretary for a few years. She married Harold Miller on February 9, 1962, in Detroit.

Jean is a member of the Charity Baptist Church in Brownstown Twp. and of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. She loved spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren. Jean loved the outdoors, hiking and camping. She and Harold also raised race horses.

She is survived by her husband Harold; son Charles Stuart Miller of Dearborn; daughter Cherie (Bradley) Dakota of Baraga; two grandchildren Savannah and Frederick Dakota of Baraga.

Preceding her in death are her parents and her step mom Marie Moilanen, who helped raise her.

Rev. John Henry conducted committal services on November 18, 2006, at the Jacobson Funeral Home, who assisted the family.





WHAT: An indoor walking program.

VHEN: Beginning November 27th, 10:30am - 1:30pm, week

days lasting through the winter months.

WHERE: The KBIC Community Center Gymnasium.

WHO: Anyone who would like to stay active over the

winter months.

WHY: Everyone should participate in 30 minutes of physical activity 5 times a week to stay fit.

> KICK OFF CELEBRATION!!! NOVEMBER 27TH 12:00 P.M.-1:00 P.M.



Employees grab a buddy and walk during your lunch break - be sure to bring a bag lunch and leave a few minutes to eat!

For more information contact Carole LaPointe @ 353-4643 or Heather Wood at 353-4546.

This program is sponsored by the KBIC Youth Program, Women's Health Circle, STEPS Grant & the KBIC/DHHS Diabetes Program

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KBIC YOUTH CLUB CALENDAR, for more information call Carole LaPointe at 353-4643

Friday, December 1, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Saturday, December 2, 2006—12 to 2 p.m. Girl's Basketball; 4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Sunday, December 3, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Monday, December 4, 2006—5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics

Tuesday, December 5, 2006—10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Early Start Gym Day; 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Even Start Craft Culture Class (Commons); 6:00—6:50 p.m. Karate Class; 7 to 9 p.m. OPEN

Wednesday, December 6, 2006—8 to 4 p.m. Community Influenza Clinic (GYM); 5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics

Thursday, December 7, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Friday, December 8, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Saturday, December 9, 2006—12 to 2 p.m. Christmas Party for ages birth-11 years; 6 to 8 p.m. Christmas Party for ages 12-17.

Sunday, December 10, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Monday, December 11, 2006—5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics; 6 to 7 p.m. Youth Coun cil Meeting (Commons)

Tuesday, December 12, 2006—12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Even Start Craft Culture Class (Commons Area); 6:00—6:50 p.m. Karate Class (Gym); 7 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Wednesday, December 13, 2006—5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics

Thursday, December 14, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Friday, December 15, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Saturday, December 16, 2006—12 to 2 p.m. Girl's Basketball 4 to 9 OPEN GYM

Sunday, December 17, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Monday, December 18, 2006—5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics

Tuesday, December 19, 2006—12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Even Start Craft Culture Class (Commons

Area); 6:00—6:50 p.m. Karate Class (Gym); 7 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM Wednesday, December 20, 2006—9:30 to 10:30 a.m. KBIC Head Start Gym Class; 1 to 2 p.m.

KBIC Head Start Gym; 5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics

Thursday, December 21, 2006—10:30 to 3:30 p.m. Head Start Christmas Party; 4 to 9 p.m. **OPEN GYM**

Friday, December 22, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Saturday, December 23, 2006—12 to 2 p.m. Girl's Basketball 4 to 9 OPEN GYM

CLOSED on —December 24, 2006; December 25, 2006; December 26, 2006

Wednesday, December 27, 2006—5 to 9 p.m. Baraga County Gymnastics

Thursday, December 28, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Friday, December 29, 2006—8 p.m. to 12 midnight Youth Dance

Saturday, December 30, 2006—12 to 2 p.m. Girl's Basketball; 4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

Sunday, December 31, 2006—4 to 9 p.m. OPEN GYM

The KBIC Medical Clinic has received its supply of the influenza Vaccine. Vaccinations are available on a walk in basis, but scheduled appointments are encouraged. For more information please call 353-8700

Annual Influenza Vaccination is recommended for:

- Children aged 6 59 months;
- Women who will be pregnant during the influenza season;
- Persons aged 50 years or older;
- Children and adolescents (aged 6 months 18 years) who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and, therefore, might be at risk for experiencing Reye's syndrome after influenza infection;
- Adults and children who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma (hypertension is not considered a high-risk condition);
- Adults and children who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunodeficiency (including immunodeficiency caused by medication or by human immunodeficiency virus);
- Adults and children with any condition that can compromise respiratory function or the handling of respiratory sections (i.e., a condition that makes it hard to breathe or swallow, such as brain injury or disease, spinal cord injuries, seizure disorders, or other nerve or muscle disorders.)
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities that house persons of any age who have chronic medical conditions;
- Persons who live with or care for persons at high risk for influenzarelated complications, including healthy household contacts and caregive ers of children aged 0-59 months
- Health-care workers

The KBIC Medical Clinic will also be offering the Flu Vaccine to Non-Native household members. For more information, and on how to register at the KBIC DHHS please contact Denise Maki at 353-4539.

OJIBWEMOWIN

Manidoo Giizisoons Little Spirit Moon - December



Anang - star Dibikad - night Niigiwin - birth Niigi - he is born Obinodjins - baby, little child

Gaawaandag - white spruce Giijik - white cedar Jingob - balsam Wawaashkeshi - deer Ajigan – sock, stocking



FIND THE WORDS

Ojibwemowin created by:

JoAnne Racette, KBIC Ojibwa Community College Native American Studies Instructor



'ASK THE CANDIDATES' MEETING

The Keweenaw Bay Ojibwa Senior Citizens wish to extend an invitation to all of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community members to come and meet the Tribal Council candidates and Chief Tribal Judge candidates running for a seat this year. This meeting with the candidates is intended to provide an opportunity for the membership to hear from each candidate, and decide what their positions are on issues affecting the Tribal membership.

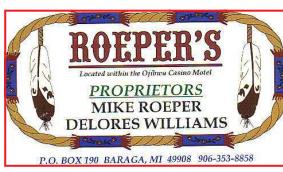
The Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Ojibwa Senior Citizens as sponsors are non-political and want to be able to provide the memberhip with a venue to hear the issues in a civil manner and offer the candidates a forum to address the membership without fear of criticism from

Come join us for this forum, educate yourself on the issues of this year's election. The date for this very important event is TBA (watch for

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To place an ad, contact Lauri Denomie at newsletter@kbic-nsn.gov or 906-201-0263.

Keweenaw Bay Indian Community/ Employment Opportunities

On Call positions: LPN - RN - Unit Manager - Account Executive/Sales

Child Care Provider - Cashier - Receptionist/Clerical Worker

For a current job listings, complete job announcements, application and closing dates contact:

KBIC Personnel Department 16429 Bear Town Road, Baraga, MI 49908-9210 906-353-6623, ext 4176 or 4140

Or visit http://www.kbic-nsn.gov/html/personnel.htm



KBIC Beartown Wildlife Fire-

fighters were quite busy this past

summer at Happy Camp Califor-

nia and Boundary Waters Minne-

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Community in cooperation with

the Bureau of Indian Affairs man-

ages a Type 2 Wildland Fire-

fighting handcrew, based out of

Baraga, MI, and are dispatched

locally, as well as, nation-wide.

Recruitment is underway; our

crew offers an excellent opportunity for summer time employ-

ment, training and experience. Contact George DeCota at (906)

250-2334, (906) 524-4142, email kbfire@up.net; or Tom Chosa

at (906) 353-4170, email thomas@kbic-nsn.gov.

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First People's Work Center



A small business development and support center sponsored in part by a grant from the ANA that is focused on Native Americanowned businesses and entrepreneurs. Anokii

staff assist Native Americans and non-Tribal members in becoming successful and profitable business owners.

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- Developmental Education Classes
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- Financial Literacy Classes
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117 US 41 South L'Anse, MI 49946 Tel: (906) 524-2222 Fax: (906) 524-2266

Timothy W. Shanahan, Business Counselor Tina Durant, Services Coordinator

1ST STEP COUNSELING SERVICE

If you are interested in starting or buying a

buying a business and don't know what to do next...



Call Tina Durant @ (906) 524-2222 at the Anishinaabe Anokii Center.



She will set you up with an appointment with a certified business counselor in the Baraga County area. Sessions are free and confidential.



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